

*The custom of fire was revived at Paradimi and Mesi.*

Mrs Efthalia Karapaschali, member of the Cultural club of women of Mesi, remembers: *I am 55 years old and I remember when I was little and we kept this every year. People did not have contemporary luxuries, they emptied mattresses and they burnt them because they were full of fleas. If a housewife did not do so, bells were ringing. People said that Dina's bum was full of fleas* (Maria Papadopoulou, Paratiritis newspaper, 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2004).